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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jesse Collier (53,839) on 12/21/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Page 7 [0040] of the Specification: As shown in Figs. ~~7A-7B~~14 and 15, operation of the flowchart begins in step S100 and continues to step S105, where the data to be visualized is input. According to various exemplary embodiments of the method for creating an interactive 3D visualization according to this invention, any set of data in which the data may be divided into portions and those portions represented by tiles with at least two values assigned to each tile, may be visualized using systems and methods according to this invention. Then, in step S110, the tile type is determined based on the input data. For instance, in Figs. 7-10, the tiles 720 are square tiles defined by the values along each axis 701 and 710. In Figs. 11 and 12, the tiles 820 are rectangular tiles defined by a value along the axis 810 and a length, in this case time, along the axis 801. Finally, in Fig. 11, the tiles 920 represent search results defined by the values along each axis, in this case, first letter and creation month. It should be appreciated that each tile 720, 820, and 920 is capable of being defined along two axes.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michelle K. Lay whose telephone number is (571) 272-7661. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30am to 5:00pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi, can be reached on (571) 272-7664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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